

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel**

**Date:** 30 August 2019

**Report of:** Head of Strategic Planning and Regeneration

**Subject:** Interim Nitrogen Mitigation Solution

#### **SUMMARY**

The report attached as Appendix A, details the present situation in the Planning Service in relation to advice from Natural England, the statutory advisor on protected sites, that developments in the Borough must be nitrogen neutral in order to mitigate a likely significant effect on internationally important protected sites in the Solent. As a result, planning permissions have been curtailed for a number of months. The report details a package of measures which together form an interim mitigation solution which would move the Council towards a position of issuing planning permissions.

At the 02 September 2019 Executive, Executive Members will be asked to approve the approach to mitigation as set out in the report (Appendix A). This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Panel to provide comment on the content of the report and the proposed approach for the Executive to consider.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are invited to consider the report and pass any comments to the Executive.